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TAGS: PFOR, JM, US

SUBJECT:DEPARTMENT CONTACT WITH JBC CORRESPONDENT

REFERENCE: DORRANCE/NORTON TELCON OF 11/20/75

1. JAMAICA DESK OFFICER RECEIVED CALL FROM JBC REPORTER  
OSWALD COOMBES IN NEW YORK ON 11/19 CONCERNING AN ARTICLE  
APPEARING IN THE NEW AMSTERDAM NEWS (NEW YORK) EDITION FOR  
NOVEMBER 13-19, 1975. ARTICLE ALLEGES THAT U.S. IS  
FINANCING POLITICAL OPPOSITION IN JAMAICA AS A MEANS OF  
UNDERMINING THE MANLEY GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF ITS  
SOCIALIST ORIENTATION. BEFORE RESPONDING TO THIS INQUIRY,  
DESK OFFICER REPEATED FOR COOMBES' BENEFIT THE GUIDELINES  
GOVERNING DEPARTMENT OFFICERS CONTACTS WITH THE PRESS AND  
STRESSED THAT CONVERSATION COULD BE USED ON A BACKGROUND  
BASIS ONLY. (GROUND RULES OUTLINED IN NIEBURG MEMO OF  
10/7/75 TO ALL ARA OFFICES. COPY BEING POUCHED.) DEPTOFF  
SAID IF COOMBES DESIRED AN OFFICIAL ON THE RECORD  
DEPARTMENT COMMENT ON THIS ARTICLE,  
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HE SHOULD DIRECT HIS INQUIRY TO THE ARA

PRESS OFFICE.

2. SPEAKING ON BACKGROUND AND NOT FOR ATTRIBUTION, DESK  
OFFICER INFORMED COOMBS THAT THE TYPE OF ALLEGATION

APPEARING IN THE NEW AMSTERDAM NEWS SURFACES FROM TIME TO  
TIME IN THE JAMAICAN MEDIA. SUCH CHARGES ARE UNTRUE AND  
HAVE NEVER BEEN SUBSTANTIATED. DESK OFFICER STRESSED THAT  
OUR GENERAL POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA IS TO ACCEPT  
GOVERNMENTS AS THEY ARE AND NOT TO INTERFERE IN THE INTER-  
NAL POLITICAL PROCESSES OF THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES. HE  
SAID THAT WE CONTINUE TO ENJOY A MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE WITH  
THE MANLEY GOVERNMENT AND HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF CONTACTS  
WITH MANLEY AND OTHER HIGH GOJ OFFICIALS IN RECENT MONTHS,  
HIGHLIGHTED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS' VISIT TO  
JAMAICA LAST AUGUST. SUCH EXCHANGES, DESK OFFICER COM-  
MENTED, SHOULD IN THEMSELVES DISCOUNT THE VALIDITY OF  
SUCH ALLEGATIONS.

3. JBC REPORT IS EVIDENTLY BASED ON THIS CONVERSATION.  
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